

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 KHARTO 01338 091510Z

45

ACTION SS-30

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 NSCE-00 /031 W

----- 090631

O 091355Z JUN 74 ZFF6

FM AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 8306

INFO AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMCONSUL ASMARA NIACT IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA NIACT IMMEDIATE

C O N F I D E N T I A L KHARTOUM 1338

EXDIS

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, CASC, ET

SUBJ: TENNECO SIX

REF: KHARTOUM 1337 (NOTAL)

1. ACTING CHIEF OF PUBLIC SAFETY KHALIFA CALLED EMBOFF TO OFF-ICE AT 1300 HOURS LOCAL JUNE 9 AND READ MESSAGE FROM ZEIN SENT FROM KASSALA. ZEIN HAD TRIED TO PHONE THROUGH AT LEAST SINCE JUNE8, BUT LINE WAS NOT WORKING SO HE FINALLY WENT TO PUBLIC SAFETY REP IN KASSALA WHO CONVEYED MESSAGE VIA THEIR FACILITIES.

2. MESSAGE TRANSLATED FROM ARABIC BY KHALIFA STATED THAT ELF AGREED TO FREE TWO CAPTIVES. THESE WILL BE "NURSE AND CAPTAIN (PILOT)". KHALIFA OPINED THIS REFERS TO ORIGINAL TENNECO HELICOPTER PILOT SINCE SECOND HELICOPTER PILOT ALREADY RELEASED.

3. THE MESSAGE CONTINUED BY STATING THAT IN RETURN FOR THE RELEASE OF THE ABOVE TWO, ELF EXPECTS THAT THE FOLLOWING 5 ERITNEANS WILL BE RELEASED:

(A) SAYED HUSSEIN - ARRESTED ASMARA 1973;

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 KHARTO 01338 091510Z

(B) ABDULLAH SAYEED OLAG ARRESTED IN OGAGAN (AS TRANS-

LITERATED) 1973;

(C) GABRIHOT GALAZY ARRESTED IN HAMASEEN 1973;

;\$) OMAR MOHAMMAD ARRESTED ASMARA 1973;

(E) AKLAS WELDAY ARRESTED IN MENDAFARA 1973.

4. THE MESSAGE CONTINUED BY STATING THAT THE ELF WILL BE READY TO CONTINUE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH TENNECO ONLY AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE ABOVE 5 ELF PRISONERS.

5. EMBOFF THEN TRIED TO CLARIFY WHETHER THE MESSAGE PRECISELY STATED THAT TWO PRISONERS (NURSE AND PILOT) WOULD BE RELEASED FIRST WITHOUT CONDITIONS AND THEN THE ELF WOULD AWAIT THE RELEASE OF THE 5 ELF PRISONERS BEFORE RESUMING FURTHER NEGOTIATIONS. KHALIFA STATED IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE TWO WOULD BE RELEASED FIRST BUT HE COULD NOT CONCLUSIVELY SAY SO FROM THE STYLE OF THE MESSAGE.

6. KHALIFA HAD NOT HEARD THE BBC BROADCAST (REFTEL A) THAT TENNECO HAD BROKEN OFF RELATIONS AND WOULD RESUME ONLY IF 2 OF THE PRISONERS WERE RELEASED. KHALIFA OFFERED TO SEND BACK FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS. HE WAS ASKED TO CONVEY TO ZEIN THAT THE COMPANY CLEARLY DESIRED THAT TWO PRISONERS SHOULD BE RELEASED SOONEST AS EARNEST GOOD FAITH PRIOR TO FURTHER TALKS.

7. COMMENT: SINCE RELEASE JUNE 4 OF SECOND PILOT NOT RPT NOT MENTIONED IN ZEIN'S MESSAGE, WE INCLINED AGREE WITH KHALIFA THAT ELF REFERENCE IS TO FIRST PILOT. ASSUME EMBASSY ADDIS SHOULD NOW BE INSTRUCTED APPROACH IEG TO ASCERTAIN WHETHER, IN EVENT TWO MORE HOSTAGES RELEASED, IEG WILL FREE FIVE ERITREANS NAMED ABOVE AS PRECONDITION RESUMPTION ELF/TENNECO CONTACTS.

8. ACTION REQUESTED: SINCE FREEMAN ET AL PRESUMABLY RETURNED HOUSTON, REQUEST DEPT. PASS THEM SUBSTANCE ELF MESSAGE SOONEST.

BREWER

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 KHARTO 01338 091510Z

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: KIDNAPPING, AGREEMENTS, PRISONER EXCHANGE, NURSES, HOSTAGES, NEGOTIATIONS, PRISONERS RELEASE
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 09 JUN 1974
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: garlanwa
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974KHARTO01338
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740148-0067
From: KHARTOUM
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740661/aaaacatg.tel
Line Count: 107
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: KHARTOUM 1337 (NOTAL)
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: garlanwa
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 15 APR 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <15 APR 2002 by izenbei0>; APPROVED <30 JUL 2002 by garlanwa>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TENNECO SIX
TAGS: PINS, CASC, ET, TENNECO SIX, (ZEIN)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005